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## AH budget talks underway

by NICK BERNARD  
Times Staff

After a full workday of deliberations spaced out over two meetings, the dial has moved closer toward the Township of Algonquin Highlands approving its budget for 2022. Deliberations are set to continue on March 3.

The draft budget, prepared by treasurer Jean Hughes, reported a 3.13 per cent increase in the levy, with the municipal tax rate seeing an increase of 1.7 per cent.

"This is kind of our biggest meeting of the year," Mayor Carol Moffatt remarked at the outset of deliberations. "Every year we say budget will be a challenge ... and every year we do a good job of it."

Moffatt also noted the 2021 census results that observed a ten per cent increase in the township's population, and that the work the township needs to do is complicated by rising prices throughout the world.

"But I think that the asset management plan, combined with our annual projects and priorities exercise in the fall, really lays the foundation for our budget work," she said, referring back to a virtual projects and priorities meeting from November. "So we no longer spend days and days hammering through every line and every option."

The treasurer's report highlighted the cost

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### Slip slidin' away

Myla Haley, of Dorset, celebrated Family Day on Feb. 21 with her grandparents at Paint Lake. Mild temperatures during the long weekend saw families out sledding, skiing and ice fishing. The weekend was extended for Trillium Lakelands District School Board students with inclement weather days called on Thursday, Friday and Tuesday. /Photo by Anna Haley

## Health unit nearly balances budget prior to new year

by STEPHEN PETRICK  
Special to the Times

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit will have an almost balanced budget as it moves into a new fiscal year.

It's a positive sign for an institution which bore a heavy responsibility for guiding people through the pandemic and will have the daunting task of resuming halted services while still managing COVID-19 over the next 12 months.

The health unit's finances were discussed at the Thursday, Feb. 17 virtual board meeting and documents showed the unit spent \$22,941,081 in 2021, representing an excess of \$669 from its budget allotment of \$22,940,412.

"We couldn't get any closer if we tried," said the health unit's director Angela Vickery.

"Does anyone want to chastise Angela on being overspent by \$700 ... on \$22 million?" said board chair Doug Elmslie, tongue-in-cheek. "I think that's a pretty good record," he added.

Of the roughly \$22 million, about \$510,000 came from Haliburton County taxpayers and about \$11.9 million comes from provincial

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# Minden’s Organic Times becomes Rising Thymes

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**  
*Special to the Times*

For Deborah Lyons and Yuki Renel, the time was right for a change.

Minden’s downtown speciality food store, previously run by Lyons as Organic Times, has relaunched under the ownership of Renel as Rising Thymes.

It’s an emotional transition for Lyons, given her long history as a proud Minden businesswoman, but one she feels good about.

Renel was previously one of her employees. She’s also an organic farmer, who works under the business name of Rising Sun Gardens. With Renel’s strong knowledge of and passion for organic foods, Lyons believes – and hopes – the store will maintain the loyal customer base that supported her for her nearly 20 years as owner of Organic Times.

“She will add to it and enhance it,” Lyons said, confidently.

Lyons has a new store to focus on now, the similarly named Organic Times Emporium at 175 Industrial Park Rd. in the village of Haliburton.

Renel opened Rising Tymes, at the previous Organic Times location, at 124 Bobcaygeon Rd., on Feb. 15. The opening of the store is, for her, the next chapter in a great journey as an entrepreneur.

“Upon her arrival in Minden in late March 2007, Yuki Renel went for a walk on Bobcaygeon Road and stumbled upon Deborah’s store at the time,” said Renel’s husband, Sebastian Renel in a written story shared to the newspaper. “She was welcomed with sincere kindness and curiosity that made a long-lasting impression on Yuki. The friendship that ensued was nurtured in many ways by Deborah’s generosity and caring personality.”

“Recently, in 2020, an opportunity had come up for Yuki to work at Organic Times. After some thought she decided to take the offer and by doing so she connected her produce business with the natural food store. It was only a matter of ‘thyme’ until the two would become one. With Deborah looking to handing over the reins on the natural food part of the business, the idea of Rising Thymes came naturally. A perfect combination to honour the legacy of their reciprocal achievements.”

The word Times – or now Thymes – in the name has an



Minden’s downtown speciality food store, previously run by Deborah Lyons as Organic Times, has relaunched under the ownership of Yuki Renel as Rising Thymes. Here, Deborah, second from right, is embraced by Yuki, third from the right, and her family, from left, Sena, Santiago and Sebastian. /Photo submitted

interesting meaning, connected to this newspaper group. Organic Times was originally known as Storeroom Natural Foods when it opened in 1977, with a previous owner, but it later changed its name when it moved in to the former *Minden Times* office. Recently, Lyons moved the business to the other side of the river, but kept “Times” in the name.

At the downtown locations, Lyons grew an even stronger customer base of people, who would come to purchase specialty foods, such as dairy-free products and gluten-free

products.

They also come in to socialize; Lyons said the store sometimes resembles the former Canadian TV show, *Corner Gas*, as its loyal customers became like family.

“It was because of the community that I didn’t retire from that location until now,” she said. “When I put it out there that’d I’d like to retire, people felt that loss. It’s just perfect that someone wants to continue (operating from the location) ... I’m pretty sure the right person has come along.”

## Celebrating Black History Month at the HCPL

Selections honouring and celebrating Black History Month, available year-round through the Haliburton County Public Library.

**Documentary:**

*Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson*

A two-part documentary about the first ever Black Heavyweight Champion of the World, who earned his title during the height of the Jim Crow era in the USA. Available to stream for free on Kanopy.

**Movie:**

*Hidden Figures*

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

**Non-fiction book and movie:**

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Tells the life story of a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her enslaved ancestors, yet her cells — taken without her knowledge — became one of the most important tools in medicine. Available at the library in print, as an audiobook, a book club set and as a movie.

**Canadian fiction:**

*Butter Honey Pig Bread* by Francesca Ekwuyasi

Spanning three continents, *Butter Honey Pig Bread* explores the reverberating effects of a Nigerian mother’s choices on her twin daughters’ lives.

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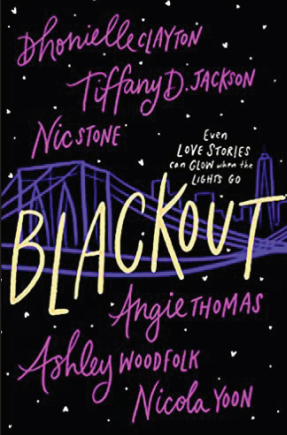
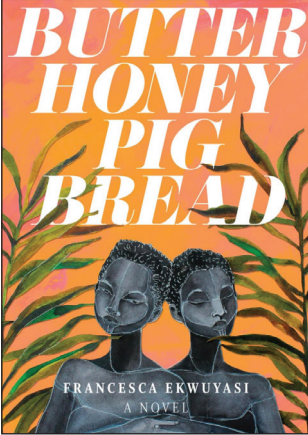
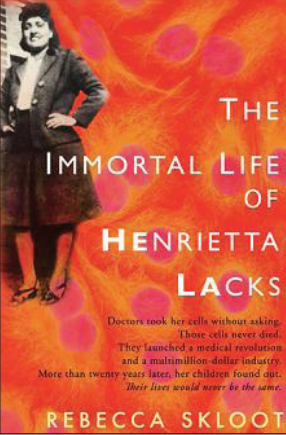
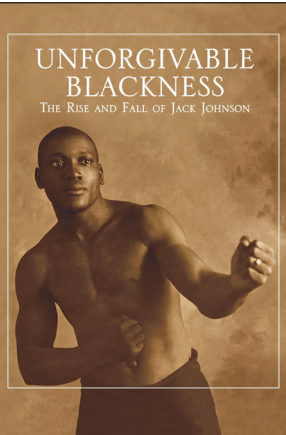
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**Children:**

*Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong’o & Vashti Harrison

A picture book that tells the tale of a little girl who has a darker skin tone than her family and school friends. All she wants is to be lighter, until one night she goes on a magical adventure, and her mind opens up to her natural beauty.

Compiled by Tessa Iles  
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# Decisions contributing to broad range of commitments: Moffatt

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of a number of important projects over the next year, and offered solutions toward funding those projects, the approvals of which would cause a 31 per cent decrease in total reserves.

"I'm very concerned about the reserve activity," Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels said, expressing her protectiveness over the reserves. "Seeing a 31 per cent decrease in reserves is, to me, a huge error ... I'm concerned about this amount of money coming out of reserves, even though we're starting with a substantial reserve balance."

According to the treasurer, there was an 11 per cent increase in the reserves at the end of 2021.

Among the projects highlighted was the Dorset Recreation Center's mould remediation project, which was budgeted at \$900,000. According to Hughes' report, \$400,000 of the project's cost will come from shoreline road allowance revenues from 2021, the township's new infrastructure reserve, and assigned funds from the working funds reserve.

The remaining \$500,000 was proposed to be temporarily transferred from other reserves, to be paid back to the reserves over a 10-year period.

"A couple of comments about what you're proposing," Daniels said, expressing concern over the 10-year timeframe. "In a 10-



Algonquin Highlands council began its deliberations for the 2022 budget. Treasurer Jean Hughes characterized the draft budget as a "good news" document, while Mayor Carol Moffatt later expressed that there was still a lot to consider and discuss. A second round of deliberations will take place on March 3, with a final budget to be approved by March 17. /Screenshot from Algonquin Highlands council meeting

year period, we're looking at several councils and an ability to change directions on this, and ... I think that it's a bit too risky to look at a 10-year repayment program."

In response, Moffatt indicated that there was also an option for a five-year repayment plan, which was met with a warmer reception from Daniels, and agreed upon by the rest

of council.

Regardless of the repayment plan's length, council would be able to reduce the size of the repayments annually by redirecting revenues at year end, when available.

Other projects highlighted by Hughes include the continued reconfiguration of Maple Lake's landfill, with an estimated cost of

over one million dollars. Additionally, The closure of the landfill at Hawk Lake will cost a total cost of \$250,000.

A number of improvements have also been planned for the Stanhope Airport, including maintenance and repairs. One of the larger projects associated with this includes optimizing the airport terminal's main floor, including the addition of accessible washrooms.

In summary, the treasurer characterized the draft budget as a "good news" document, representing the commitment of chief administrative officer Angie Bird, township department heads, and staff have to "provide council with a fiscally responsible financial outlook for the coming year that includes projects and priorities as discussed with council in accordance with the Strategic Vision."

In a Facebook post following the conclusion of this round of deliberations, Moffatt expressed her thoughts on the process.

"We made decisions that contribute to a broad range of commitments, from community health to climate change goals to long-range financial stability," the post stated. "We didn't agree on everything - we're not supposed to, but true to AH form we each had an opportunity to pitch a case, support a cause and ultimately find consensus. Thanks to council for good discussion."

A final budget is expected to be approved by March 17.

## Health unit budget focused on managing pandemic

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taxes. The unit also received an additional \$773,300 in "mitigation" funding from the province. That money is being given to help the health unit transition to a new funding formula, in which municipalities will be asked to provide 30 per cent of health unit's expenses, up from the previous mark of 25 per cent.

The health unit's board is made up of

elected officials from the municipalities the unit represents. Some of them expressed concern about the new funding formula and wondered if mitigation funding will continue down the road.

Vickery said those concerns were "reasonable" but there's no indication on what will happen long-term.

"We are anticipating a slight increase in funding for 2022, but we haven't seen anything yet," Vickery said.

Dysart et al mayor and health unit board member Andrea Roberts noted that, with a provincial election coming in June, there's not likely to be any new directions and the board will have to advocate for the health unit when a new government is in place.

Some lines in the budget report showed just how extraordinary 2021 was for public health spending.

The health unit spent every dollar of the \$1,004,500 it was given for its COVID-19

vaccine program. Another line showed that the unit spent every dollar of \$1,230,000 budgeted for "COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs."

Meanwhile there were literally zero dollars spent on programs related to the "Social Determinants of Health, the Electronic Cigarettes Act, Vector-Borne Diseases, Small Drinking Water Systems" and a "Food Premise Report."

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February 24 – Regular Council Meeting  
March 10 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at [www.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.ca/council/). Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February, 24, 2022 during its Meeting of Council via web conference regarding proposed fee changes to its Fees and Charges By-law Cemetery Services Schedule G; and Community Services Programs & Facilities Schedule H; and the 2022 fees for the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, Schedule B. More information can be found on the Township website at [www.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.ca/council/).

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# Vulnerable have faced greater hardships during pandemic

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**  
*Special to the Times*

The COVID-19 pandemic should serve as a lesson on how vulnerable populations are put at more risk than other groups when health emergencies occur.

That's the message delivered by members of the Vulnerable Sector Group (VSG), which works under the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit.

Group leaders delivered a presentation to the health unit's board on Feb. 17, in which they lobbied for continued attention towards vulnerable groups, which include children and youth, older adults, people who use substances, people with low socioeconomic status, people living in congregate living settings, people with mental illness and First Nation, Inuit, and Metis.

"Equity matters," VSG co-chair Kate Hall told the board, during the virtual meeting. "We'd like to highlight this as we move forward and out of our COVID-19 response and into recovery. COVID-19 has created opportunities for long-term and high-impact change going forward."

Hall and co-chair Sarah Tsang lobbied for the health unit to think of health equity values and principals as it moves forward on all policies it creates, including those related to emergency preparedness.

"In this way, we can create the next normal," Hall said. Throughout the pandemic the working group, which includes 10 other local health officials, found that COVID-19

was "highlighting and amplifying unfair and unjust" issues, Tsang said.

"We're all in the same storm, but we're not all in the same boat," she added. "Not everyone has the opportunity, privilege and power to respond to the pandemic in the same way."

The working group, on direction from the Ministry of Health, prepared a program where members asked questions about social-economic status among people they worked with who had tested positive for COVID-19. They also started working closer with partnering agencies to get a feel of what was happening at group homes, shelters, mental health services organizations and other groups that work with vulnerable people.

The group saw that the pandemic was exacerbating hardships that clients were already experiencing.

Hall praised the health board for advancing policies that decrease health inequities, such as advocating for the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit to evolve into a guaranteed basic income program and for advocating for paid sick days.

"We know that people in low-income households are most likely to be negatively impacted by unplanned time off," she said, explaining that those people don't always have the ability to follow public health guidelines, and often go to work in risky situations.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, who sits on the health unit's board, praised the presentation and agreed that vulnerable people are most at risk of being negatively affected by the pandemic. They might not have a support system that can help them avoid doing things like going to the grocery store, when it's unsafe to do so, she pointed out.

Board chair Doug Elmslie asked if there's a risk of people in vulnerable populations falling further behind when

“Not everyone has the opportunity, privilege and power to respond to the pandemic in the same way.”  
— SARAH TSANG, HKPRD HEALTH UNIT

it comes to accessing health services, when the pandemic wanes.

Hall explained that the board needs to continue paying attention to these groups and understand their stories.

"When we start with people first, we tend to be able to address and mitigate some of those inequities right at the get go," she said. "That's a new approach and something we can all think about bringing into our policy going forward."

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## Community arts workshops coming soon

The call has just gone out for Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands (ACHH) members working in the arts and crafts who have a passion for their medium, have developed their skills and would like to share that passion and skill in the form of a two and a half to three-hour community arts workshop.

The Arts Council and their hard-working Artist in the Schools and Community Committee is initiating a new project which will see up to 16 art workshops offered to community members of the Highlands to bring some light and learning to 2022.

"We see this as a community project that brings people together to learn a new skill and enjoy the much-missed opportunity to be out with others," committee member Chris Lynd said. The committee is planning for in-person workshops this spring (mid-March to May). The number of participants will be small and all existing COVID protocols will be adhered to.

The workshops will be for people interested in learning new techniques or just having fun with art and craft. The hope is

to offer a range of workshops geared to everyone from other artists to hobbyists and novices and to include programs for all ages. The workshops will be presented in various locations across the county in order to reach as many people as possible.

This community building project has been made possible by generous donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the Kennisis Lake Art on the Dock project and ACHH.

If you are an artist or a craftsperson who enjoys sharing your passion with others and would be interested in facilitating a community based workshop, the Artist in the Schools and Community Committee would love to hear from you.

For more information, please contact Lesley English or Chris Lynd at: commworkshopcoordinator@gmail.com or chrislynd51@gmail.com.

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COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County							
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	11	0	393	381	6	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	48	1	3,423	3,313	95	62	13
Northumberland	67	1	3,094	3,002	74	25	0
Pending Information	0	0	5	5	0	0	0
Total	126	2	6,915	6,701	175	88	13

### One additional hospitalization in Haliburton County

Three new cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County were reported on Feb. 22, alongside 28 new cases in Kawartha Lakes and 45 new cases in Northumberland County. One additional hospitalization in Haliburton County has been reported. The health unit notes these numbers only reflect tests of those who live or work in a high-risk setting and are an underestimate of community spread./Screenshot from HKPR.on.ca.



# Minden's vaccination clinic to run until March 24

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held Feb. 16 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, and press releases distributed by the health unit.

Two of the region's largest mass immunization clinics – located at the Lindsay Exhibition and Cobourg Community Centre – will close before the end of the month.

Clinics in Fenelon Falls and Minden will continue to run once a week until March 24. In-house clinics will also open at the health unit's office locations in Port Hope and Lindsay and vaccinations will continue to be available at community pharmacies and through health-care providers.

"As of today, 85.8 per cent of people with in the [HKPRD] have been vaccinated with their first dose and 82.4 per cent with their second dose," Bocking said. "Our booster dose coverage for people aged 18 years and older has also topped 60 per cent."

Walk-ins for first, second and booster doses are now available from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for anyone aged five and older at health unit COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Both mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) are available. As of 8 a.m. on Feb. 18, Ontario is expanding booster dose eligibility to youth aged 12 to 17. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose. To be eligible

for a booster dose or a fourth dose (if eligible), at least 84 days must have passed since your most recent shot.

## Indication of decreasing transmission of COVID-19

Bocking said the health unit was continuing to see an improvement across indicators in terms of decreasing transmission of COVID-19 across all three regions of the health unit's jurisdiction.

There's been a decrease in the daily number of lab-confirmed cases among those eligible to receive them, and the number of outbreaks at the time of the briefing was eight, with two of those being long-term care residences, the others at hospitals and correctional centres. Test positivity is still the same, around 10 per cent, and was continuing to come down slightly.

Bocking said there had been a significant decline in viral signal in the sewershed in Cobourg, and the Lindsay area sewershed did show a slight increase last week but was not to the levels it previously was during the height of Omicron wave.

"While we're not at a level that we were prior to this Omicron wave, we're certainly in a much better position than we were several weeks ago and I think we're continuing to see those indicators improve and trending in the right direction," Bocking said.

In the past week, Bocking said there had been three new hospitalizations, with a total of 62 hospital admissions related to COVID-19 recorded since Jan. 1. ICU ad-

missions have remained the same, and no new deaths were reported last week, with 23 being recorded since Jan. 1. (One death was later reported on Feb. 17, the first since five deaths were reported on Feb. 8).

## Booster dose numbers

Regarding booster doses, Bocking said that among those aged 70 and older, 85.1 per cent of the population has received a booster dose, and among those aged 50 and older, 73 per cent have received their booster dose. Of those aged 18 and older, 60.2 per cent had received a booster.

For children aged five to 11, 47.6 per cent have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination clinics – about 25 so far – planned at schools for children who have parental consent have started. Clinics planned at Stuart Baker Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School last week were cancelled due to inclement weather. Bocking said some schools have as few as six children making use of the in-school clinics, while some schools have 16 children interested.

## Cautiously reopening

Bocking said the government's plan for capacity limits to be lifted on Feb. 17, and then on March 1, was a "much welcomed announcement" for many key businesses and employers across the region as well as families, community members and community organizations, "everyone looking forward to a time when we're less concerned about

COVID."

"With that cautious optimism and knowing that some of the stricter measures or other measures are being eased, I would encourage people to be aware that COVID-19 is still present in the community," Bocking said. "We're certainly in a much better place than we were at the peak of Omicron, but we're not quite back at the level prior to Omicron at all."

Bocking said it was likely to see transmission of COVID-19, and that could increase with lifting of capacity limits, the key to that being that the health care system is able to accommodate it, she said. She encouraged people to be vaccinated, stay home if sick, and noted an "important continued role for mask use at this point in time in helping to prevent transmission of COVID-19," if in a space in which people can't distance from others.

"Please don't, in your enthusiasm, throw out all of the measures that we know have helped to protect us and our community members and our loved ones for the last two years, continue the ones we know work well as we start to ease some of the others," she said.

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## Still Minden

**D**ON'T CALL Minden residents on Wednesday night after 8 p.m.

Tonight, much of the town will draw to a standstill with nothing but the glow from television sets showing any sign of life exists here.

Finally, the time for *Still Standing's* Minden episode has arrived.Minden's inclusion in the television series, which focuses on small towns throughout Canada that have persevered through setbacks in rural life had been presented to Minden Hills council back in June 2020. The news was welcome to residents, just four months into what would be the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, something to look forward to, to help bring us together while apart. Filming took place in September that year, with Minden being one of the first spots the *Still Standing* team was able to visit after a pandemic-related pause, as it is accessible from Toronto by land and didn't require airport access to visit.

Back in November 2021 before the snow fell, the CBC team first sent word to local media, including this newspaper, that the episode focusing on our town was ready and would be included in the seventh season of the series, which began in January. They sent the screener at that time and over the past few months, I've watched it more than once. It's provided a bright spot during the dark times – the Omicron wave, freezing temperatures, the occupation of Ottawa – and not just because it was filmed during sunny, warm weather (you'll feel the episode goes too quickly simply because you can't get enough of people without winter jackets on).

While it does feel a bit jarring to make light of the flooding that we all personally know has wreaked havoc on the town and its residents, the show's host Jonny Harris said in an interview last December that it's possible to acknowledge and celebrate efforts made

during challenges and also find ways to focus on joy.

And that is the point of the show – to look at the hardships we as rural residents have faced and how they've been overcome, by us.

Each segment made me feel a little teary. You'll understand exactly what Emily's saying, when she speaks to the help she didn't ask for but received because you've either received or given – or both – that same kindness.

You'll understand when Brigitte and Michael share their story – not just of how they got through the flooding, and decided to stay because they had experienced community – but of how they had an idea and went with it and have been supported, because you've supported them or other friends and

neighbours in town when they've tried to make a go of something.

You'll see people who have taken risks, devoted their time and energy to businesses in town – you'll cheer alongside Suwan when she confidently states that yes, Thai food would work here. Your heart will swell when you see people who, when confronted with

a hateful incident in this county, brought Pride to the area so even our youngest residents know that love happens here. And you'll hear from an advocate – someone who fully appreciates what the Gull River can offer – who lobbied hard to make sure Minden was on the map when the Pan Am Games took place in Toronto.

Minden's episode broadcasts a strong showing of what we can do with a bit of hope and togetherness and small town pride – overcome fear, face great challenges, and come together to adapt and move forward.

Tune in at 8 p.m. tonight (Feb. 23) to see what the *Still Standing* team saw in Minden. If you miss the live broadcast of the show, visit CBC Gem online ([gem.cbc.ca](http://gem.cbc.ca)) or download the app to watch Minden's episode and others from the seventh season of *Still Standing*.**SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

## Kwarky



Kim Wark

## Fishing photography, then and now

**W**HEN I WAS a kid starting out in fishing, no one ever carried a camera. Don't get me wrong, cameras had been invented. They just were not thought of as an essential piece of outdoors gear.

These days, things are quite different.

I know people who actually spend more time filming their outdoors activities than participating in them. And that's fine. It's not hurting anything and, if it makes you happy, go for it.

But it does make me wonder where we are going with this.

For instance, if someone snuck a camera out on one of our fishing trips when I was a kid, they would only use it to take photos of truly memorable occasions, like the catching of a really big fish or someone accidentally setting their shoe on fire by standing too close to the campfire. In the case of the fish, they would take two photos at most because film wasn't cheap. And, when that photographer got the film roll all used up a few months later, he'd show you a beautiful photo of his thumb blocking the lens or a blurry image in which it was hard to tell which one of the subjects was the fish. Or whose shoe was on fire.

Fast forward to today.

These days, that same fish – or any fish for that matter – would be documented with a series of impeccable cell phone photos and appearances in selfies. This would be followed by a video complete with interviews, subtitles, running commentary, fishing advice, shout outs to followers and sponsors, along with a back story giving the viewer a peak into the making of the video. All this would feature multiple camera angles, great

lighting, drone footage, panoramic montages, a moving soundtrack, a title, photo credits and perhaps a touching, slow motion underwater segment in which the fish is released. And that's just from photography Unit One. Unit Two would create B-roll work that would make Cecil B. DeMille proud.

Editing and postproduction would ensure the documentation of the angling experience turns out an epic saga and perhaps the breakout roll of an up till now unknown fish.

There might even be a best supporting actor Oscar for the minnow that played the roll of bait.

That's great.

But you have to assume that in 40 years, the photo-crazy anglers of today are going to look back and consider these efforts primitive. For in the future, I assume anglers will utilize satellite imagery, holographic photography, x-rays, surround sound, body doubles for fish

and anglers, stunt fish, and fish-to-human language translation devices as well as submarine photography units and a host of gifted screenplay writers. In fact, in the future, you probably won't be given a fishing licence unless you went to film school.

At that point, today's anglers might also note that the point of fishing has changed a bit. They might even think fishing has become secondary to getting a photo or good video to show on social media.

And that too would be nothing new either. Even back when I was a kid we questioned this. I clearly remember looking at the guy in our group who bought the camera and saying, "Are we here for the fishing or is it all about taking photos of my burning shoe?"

**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Thoughts from a woodpile

**T**HE FIRST sounds of winter's retreat come from snow melting off the metal sheets covering my woodpile.

Plink . . . plink . . . plink.

Slow, almost imperceptible.

Then faster and louder as the morning sun grows more ravenous. Individual drips joining others in a widening pool at the woodpile's base.

My woodpile looks sadly diminished today, its early autumn bulk considerably reduced. It's like looking at a good friend wasting away.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

Wasting is a wrong word. My woodpile's bulk has been reduced as it gave up a large part of itself to keep me warm this winter. Given, not wasted.

My woodpile is a good friend who gives me much. It was once a living tree offering beauty, shade and oxygen while providing protection for small animals, insects and birds. When it died, as all living things must, it fell to the forest floor for me to find.

My woodpile brings me more than winter heat. It gives me the joy of being in the woods, and the physical exercise of cutting, splitting and stacking it.

It also gives me mental workouts. I come here occasionally to lean against it and think about life and

how complicated it can be.

In the woodpile I see a different world. A world of trees. Also a complicated place, but a place managed far more successfully than ours.

Some Indigenous people believe that trees and other plants are living beings somewhat similar to human beings. Scientific studies have been supporting this, finding that trees, through their roots and leaves, sense and comprehend their environment and communicate information with fellow trees and other plants.

Trees avoid many of the problems that complicate our human world. One reason they do is that trees are patient beings, never rushing to make change.

Trees don't get angry or yell at each other. They don't waste time and energy whining about their situations or controls on their lives. They work together to help each other.

Most importantly, they respect and appreciate diversity.

Their skins are different colours, different textures. Their leaves are different shapes and different sizes. But they live side by side, not discriminating. There is no racism nor social inequality in the world of trees.

The mightiest oak is no more important than the weakest willow.

Unlike us, they live sustainable lives. They take and use only what is needed, understanding that conserving energy and resources makes life better for all.

We humans are beginning to understand that we are living an unsustainable way of life. Some research indicates that 87 per cent of all our economic activity is unsustainable – in other words not supported by renewable resources.

Understanding that problem is one thing. Solving it is another.

We deal with the symptoms of our unsustainable way of life – plastics congesting the oceans, carbon emissions changing climate, landfills choking with waste. We haven't yet seriously addressed the root cause of the symptoms, which is consuming much more than we really need.

Nature has dealt with the root cause of unsustainability since the beginning of time. If it hadn't, we wouldn't be here. It understands the difference between simply wanting and truly needing.

We humans see Nature as something nice, but separate from ourselves. We don't see ourselves as part of it and certainly don't see that there is much that it can teach us.

When I lean against my woodpile contemplating the world, I often wonder whether the answers to our problems are right here in Nature. Can Nature show us how to live without the anger, hatred and wars we experience now? How to live without discrimination and social inequality? How to fight the diseases that continue to infect us?

It will take people a lot smarter than me to find the answers to those questions.

The positive news is that those people – members of the scientific community – are out there working steadily to unlock the secrets of Nature. As they share what they learn from Nature, it is possible that we all will become as smart as the trees that surround us and the world will be a better place.



## Blue jay day

A blue jay stays warm in winter on Jan. 6, on a clear and cold sunny winter day. /Photo by June Krisko

## letters to the editor

# Ice racing is family driven

## To the Editor,

This past Family Day weekend of 2022 saw a great group of racers competing once again at the Minden fairgrounds in the CASC Ice Racing Series.

Taking a closer look at this crazy group of sideways-sliding drivers, it was evident we had many wonderful families who all share the love of auto racing and do it together. You find them all: husbands, wives, their friends, the children and even grandchildren driving and working on their vehicles together. They're doing what-

ever it takes to get on the track and have fun, or maybe hope to win a race. Many local families were also on hand to watch and cheer for their favourite cars.

What a great way to spend the family day weekend! There are two more weekends to catch the action: Feb. 26 to 27, and March 5 to 6. You can follow along on Instagram @iceracedirector and @casc\_racing

**Perry Mason  
Loretto/Bancroft**

## HCPL's Nonfic Pick - February

FARLEY MOWAT  
*The Dog Who Wouldn't Be*  
A tale of a boy and his most unusual dog



The uproarious true adventures of a dog who doesn't understand that he's a dog – and the boy who loved him. *The Dog Who Wouldn't Be* by Farley Mowatt is a lively and amusing portrait of an unorthodox childhood and an unforgettable friendship. Growing up on the frontier of Saskatoon, Canada, the young adventurer and naturalist received a gift from his mom: a spirited dog she bought for four cents. "Mutt."

Mutt displayed skills at hunting and retrieving that were either pure genius or just plain crazy – once going so far as to retrieve a plucked and trussed grouse from the grocer's stall. Mutt also loved riding passenger in an open car wearing goggles and climbing both trees and ladders – the perfect companion for a child with a love for animals and misadventures.

Originally published for young people, this memoir by Farley Mowatt (now an iconic Canadian author) will delight dog lovers of all ages. Check it out from

Haliburton County Public Library today.



# STILL STANDING

*Still Standing* host Jonny Harris pauses on the Sunnybrook Bridge in Minden's downtown, reflecting on the Gull River which is a focus of the *Minden* episode for both its tendency to flood, and also its draw for residents and visitors. The *Minden* episode airs Feb. 23 on CBC, and will also be available on CBC Gem. /Photos by Chris Armstrong Photography



*Still Standing* host Jonny Harris waves to Minden Auto Care's Dennis Pennie.



Harris took a break for a pint and a chat with Shawn Chamberlin at what Harris describes as "the most famous building in town," Minden's Dominion Hotel and Pub.



Harris met with Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge, Minden residents and owners of The Occurrence puzzle company, who discussed whether to stay or go after their home was flooded, opting to stay in part because of the community's showing of support. "They embraced us when we needed them most," said Gall. "They helped in every possible way. And to leave, felt like it would be like a betrayal of everything that had happened."



Scenes of the town's landmark attractions, businesses and glimpses of interactions with residents and visitors are shown throughout the episode, highlighting what life is like in Minden.





Emily Stonehouse, who served as the town's communications and information officer during the most recent of Minden's floods, walks with Harris alongside the Gull River in Minden.



Claudia Kerckhoff Van Wijk, one of Canada's most influential women in paddling, takes Harris for a paddle exploring the features of the Gull River that make it world-renowned, which Harris later told the *Times* was "definitely a highlight."



Jonny Harris, who came to town in Sept. 2020 to film episodes for Minden's *Still Standing* episode, takes a moment to contemplate the Gull River. The episode focuses on the three floods Minden has experienced over the past decade, and how the community has come together to bail each other out.



Jonny Harris walks down Bobcaygeon Road during filming of Minden's episode of *Still Standing*.



## HHSS Co-op Series

# Making repairs, taking strides to dream career

*Student driven by HHSS co-op placement*

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

*The following is part of a series of co-op placement stories, featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.*

Crouched between an ATV and a dirt bike at Harcourt Park Marina, Michael Rogers is exactly where he wants to be and that's developing his skills and earning the hours towards his dream of becoming a mechanic.

The Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student from Wilberforce has always loved tinkering with engines. It started when he was about five and then evolved, particularly when he got his first dirt bike at eight, a two-stroke YZ85.

Working on engines was part of a lineage he couldn't deny, with his grandfather and father both making a living under the hood of vehicles as mechanics.

"It runs through the family. [My dad] was always working on stuff and I'd always be out there and I got into it. Now I have my own stuff," he said, referring to his dirt bike, vehicles such as a car, truck, ATV and snowmobile.

Another factor was his affinity for the work and getting to work with his hands. There is also a level of pride that comes with completing a job on a vehicle, he said.

"When you actually fix something and you do it yourself. You're proud of it," he said.

The apprenticeship provides him hands-on learning, which is something he prefers to being in class.

Before he started his co-op he hadn't worked on cars because up until seven months ago he didn't have his driving licence. The work he has performed at the marina included repair work such as replacing parts, changing brakes installing exhaust systems. While doing this work, with the variety of models he has worked on has meant encountering challenges and figuring out resolutions, first on his own and then checking with his boss.

With this apprenticeship, Michael is part-way through his three-year apprenticeship to earn a marine technician certificate, including four high school credits. The placement ended in January, so he has returned to school to get three academic credits: two English and one math.

Harcourt Park Marina co-owners and husband Ron Goessele and wife Ann Corrigan are happy about enabling Michael the chance to continue his development and to contribute to his career goal.

Goessele said providing this opportunity is as much to help Michael with his goals, as it is to strengthen the future of the trades industry in the Highlands.

"We're severely lacking in skilled trades, so anything I can do to help that out to help with the problem is a good thing. It's not just this end of the county. It's the whole county," he said. "I've been trying to hire an experienced licensed mechanic because I have other business interests as well and it's impossible. I've been trying for three years and you can't hire a mechanic. Basically, guys like me at my age [60] we're still in it going hard and we don't want to be."

He adds there is upwards of a three month waiting list for boat engine or body work in the Highlands. Michael's addition to the Harcourt business means he's actively helping fill some of the demand.

Trades such as the automotive mechanic world has professionals aging out, looking to retire like Goessele. This is the reality facing marinas throughout the Highlands, he added.

"We don't mind doing the work, the work that we can do. But after 40 years of being bent over, my back is not allowing me to do that stuff anymore, so I want to hire a guy," he said.

He said the variety of skills he has acquired over his four decades in the trade industry, whether it was in welding, body work, plastics factory work, engine repair, airplane building is something that has helped him and gave him the confidence to move up here from the city.

When he was ready to move out of Toronto with Ann to start a new life these trade skills enabled that transition to running a business in the country. Ann and Ron came to the area in 2003 to buy the Harcourt Park General Store and added the mechanic services.

Career paths, Goessele said, are not always linear and



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student Michael Rogers looks at installing a part on a dirtbike during his co-op placement at the Harcourt Park Marina. The 17-year-old, who had signed a Registered Training Agreement with the Marina, gained skills and acquired hours last semester in his pursuit of becoming a licensed marine engine technician, as part of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program./  
DARREN LUM Staff

the trades affords options and opportunity.

"He might not stick with this trade, but if he gets this trade like I did it's a fallback. It's a fallback for me. I built airplanes at De Havilland [Aircraft of Canada] in Toronto. When I got away from that we bought this place and I had my trade licence for here. He might not do this for the rest of his life. He might become an automotive mechanic. He might be a heavy equipment mechanic. You never know. It could be he gets to work on machinery in a factory, but it's a good start for him and it's a fallback," he said.

His career path included being a marine mechanic before he worked for De Havilland, a well-known aircraft manufacturer.

The Harcourt Park Marine welcomes apprentices, who are ready to learn and work.

"As long as they're motivated. They gotta be motivated. If you're pushing the kid into it, then forget it. It's not going to happen. They got to want to work," Goessele said.

This is the third apprentice that the business has hosted. They're open to more students, whether it's a young person who has finished secondary school or attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The co-op placement at the Harcourt business is about empowering through independent work.

"You got to allow them to think on their own. If I have to watch over them, and micromanage, then I might as well as do the work myself," Goessele said.

It's this aspect that is part of the learning process, he said. To know when to work through a problem independently and when to ask someone for help, which he encourages when their student has exhausted all their options.

Take Michael, Corrigan said.

"Now Michael is able to work on his own, but he's really good at knowing when he might be out of his depth ... And that's a really important skill. That's a really important thing to know when you are [learning] ... it's all about everyone continuously learning."

The Grade 12 student returned for a second year of co-op to further his skill set in a place that was accepting and where he felt comfortable.

The idea to constantly be improving is an aspect that was integral to her husband's career path and is something that was part of the education for Michael.

"Michael has to have the same attitude. Like Ron doesn't know everything. He just knows how to get to

answers. Right, that's why we have all manuals, all the computers, and all of those things. That's a really important part. The old ones, who we call beer bottle and hammer mechanics, you know, the ones that only [tinker] or think they know it all and really don't. Anybody that says they know everything is really boring as far as I'm concerned," Corrigan said.

She adds this applies to all industries.

Michael said having his apprenticeship a short drive from his Wilberforce home was a convenience not lost on him.

The development of career skills was just part of what was learned for Michael.

When he was younger Michael was quite shy and this experience over the two years he has been apprenticing (over two separate school years) has bolstered his confidence to deal with people.

"It's been an amazing experience. Learning all about stuff I didn't know before [such as] engines. Getting the interactions with people like storing 200 boats. You meet at least 150 people," he said.

The range of experiences, particularly the interactions wasn't something he expected, but it presented itself at the very start and he recognized the benefits.

Michael's time at the marina actually started before the placement when he worked for them in the spring, with unwrapping and delivering boats to customers.

Corrigan, who worked for close to 15 years in human resources at a large company in Toronto, said the customers all appreciate how the marina is hosting an apprentice.

The Grade 12 student encourages other students, who are interested in in-person and on the job training to apprentice.

"You don't learn anything like you learn here [when compared] to a class room," he said.

With his apprenticeship program, he'll leave high school and go to college for close to three months. He has yet to decide which one.

Michael said he may love what he does, but he also recognizes how his choice to pursue being a mechanic will help to fill the growing demand for trades.

Knowing about this demand, he doesn't hesitate to endorse it as a viable career future for other young people, who are interested.

"If you're interested in it, try for it because they're always going to be there. They're always needed."





FoRT Chairwoman Pamela Marsales is pictured at the SIRCH Bistro, where the group is hosting a celebratory event and discussion on March 6./ Submitted photo

## Friends of the Rail Trail celebrates the village

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**  
*Special to the Times*

All aboard: It's time to start thinking about the Haliburton County Rail Trail again.

The organization that supports the trail, Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT), is holding a celebratory meeting to get people talking about how they can contribute to the 35-km pathway, which is steeped in history and beautiful by nature.

The event, titled It Takes A Village, takes place from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 at SIRCH Bistro, at 49 Maple Ave.

FoRT is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year and this will be its first in-person meeting in more than two years, as a result of the pandemic.

Chairwoman Pamela Marsales stressed that the event is not a fundraiser. The organization just asks that participants make a donation to FoRT if they can. Also, anyone can attend; the event is not limited to members. However, people are asked to pre-register by contacting Marsales at 705-457-4767 or [pamela.marsales@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.marsales@gmail.com).

The goal of FoRT is to get the community excited about supporting and preserving the trail.

"Our mandate is connecting the community to the rail trail," Marsales said.

The trail is owned by Haliburton County. It extends from the village of Haliburton to Kinmount. It then connects with other trails that travel south to Lindsay.

To say that the trail plays an important role in the history of Haliburton would be an understatement.

"The railway helped to create the County of Haliburton," Marsales said. "There was no county of Haliburton before they decided to build a railway there."

She explained that the trail covers a railway line that operated from 1878 to 1978, and often moved lumber to more southern communities. In 1988 the tracks were removed and it became a recreational trail. FoRT then formed in

2007 and began holding events to help the community support the trail, focusing on its history and how it provides important green spaces that can be used by people of all ages and abilities. The trail is mostly flat and has gravel and sand surfaces, so it's not considered a tricky route.

Marsales says she loves it because it has "two historic railway bridges, lots of wetlands, and lots of opportunity to view wildlife."

The trail has become an important meeting place for community members, through programs such as the Sunday Ramblers, which has, for years, brought people together to hike areas of the trail.

Marsales said that program led to great community get-togethers where trail users would discuss ideas. The trail became "like the old fashioned village green, where people would meet their neighbours casually. That became the hallmark of Friends of the Rail Trail."

The Sunday Ramblers program is expected to continue this year, with 15 rambles planned. Those who have ideas for themes of the walk are encouraged to let FoRT know.

The It Takes A Village event will start with the showing of a documentary called "The Caledon Trailway, Building the Dream."

It tells the story of how the Caledon community stepped up to improve a similar rail trail in their area and it should serve as inspiration for Haliburton County Rail Trail users. Next, there will be a discussion on what FoRT can do to catch up after two lost years due to the pandemic. And then, finally, there's the supper, provided by SIRCH and its executive director Gena Robertson.

Marsales said that when FoRT holds events, there are educational components, but the events are mostly social in nature, as they're designed to bring like-minded trail users together to discuss how to preserve and promote the trail.

"It's an opportunity to build on FoRT's fifteen years and create something lasting for the future," Marsales said, in a statement.



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# Freedom to read: Mein Kampf challenged at HCPL

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

Three days after Chris Stephenson took on the role of CEO at Haliburton County Public Library last September, he arrived at work to encounter a rare request – for a book to be removed from circulation. The book: *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler.

“I came in, and this book was on my desk, with an elastic band with a little piece of paper,” he said. “I saw the words, Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials. My brain instantly knew that that’s what we call a book challenge.”

The challenge – when public access to a publication is asked to be limited – was brought forward by a small group of people who wish to remain anonymous, declined an interview and who Stephenson, under the library’s confidentiality policy, cannot name.

“In this case, they said, you know, we don’t like that the book is on the shelf, we’d prefer that it was removed,” said Stephenson.

The group also, however, came to Stephenson with a solution that wouldn’t result in the book being removed from circulation entirely – they suggested the original book be replaced with a recent critical edition version that includes annotated text placing its contents in historical context.

“And to be honest, I couldn’t agree more,” said Stephenson. “I think that’s a great suggestion and solution ... So I was thrilled that these people brought a problem, and a solution together.”

*Mein Kampf* [My Struggle], Hitler’s 1925 autobiographical manifesto, is often challenged for the Nazi dictator’s anti-Semitic and racist ideas. Reprinting of the book in Germany was banned post-Second World

War until 2016, and in 2020 Amazon banned and then later reinstated the book from the e-commerce site.

“Some people [not necessarily those challenging the HCPL’s copy] have a fear about raw text just being out in the world with no teacher or mentor or guide to help make sense of it,” said Stephenson. “My counterpoint is that from a historical perspective, how will you recognize the next Hitler if you don’t know generally what that person stood for, when you see it again next time?”

Stephenson said when it comes to book challenges, many people will object to content because it doesn’t follow their political, sexual, social or otherwise personal view.

“But the thing is, there are many books in the world, and if it’s not for you, that’s fine. Put it down, but don’t take it away from someone who might need that book.”

He gives the example of LGBTQ+-themed books, noting that when people challenge books that others might need as resources to learn from, “it takes away from the experience and education of another person.”

While book challenges do happen every now and then, the request in September was a first in Stephenson’s career.

“I was very proud to receive it, because I was told long ago in library school that you weren’t a true librarian until you received your first book challenge,” he said.

“These concepts of librarians making materials accessible to their communities is paramount to the functioning of good information and democracy. It’s also, you know, I’m thrilled when people come to the library with questions like, ‘what can we do about this? This is a problem for me.’ When they investigate something that matters to them, and it starts a conversation and an engagement with their librarian or their library staff,

that’s for me one of the most rewarding parts of my job.”

At the time, Stephenson said book challenges were a “hot topic,” in libraries, and that his colleagues elsewhere in Canada mentioned an uptick in book challenges around the same time.

“Last fall, *Publisher’s Weekly* noted that the American Library Association’s Office for Information Freedom (‘which tracks book challenges nationwide’) reported that there’s been a 60 per cent increase in challenges to books received in the month of Sept. [2021] compared to [the year before],” Stephenson told the *Times*.

At this time, the suggested annotated copy of *Mein Kampf* is only available in German and French.

“We did reach out to our main book distributor last fall to see if there was another appropriate version that may be annotated by an historian and placed in better context, but the options provided were limited,” said Stephenson.

Right now, the book – this copy purchased by the library in 2008 – sits in his office, available if someone needs it. And with this challenge, and subsequent newspaper story, it might become more requested than it has been – Stephenson brings up the Streisand Effect, a cultural phenomenon in which the attempt to suppress information only makes it more popular. The effect is named for singer and actress Barbra Streisand, who in 2003 sued a photographer for invasion of privacy over a photo of her home, which had been downloaded fewer than 10 times. In the month following the lawsuit, the photo was downloaded more than 420,000 times.

“When you try to censor ideas, or books or movies, whatever, often what you’ll do by not meaning to is draw greater attention to it – which is another reason why librarians celebrate Banned Books [or Freedom to Read] week,” said Stephenson. “To keep that

conversation going. By highlighting this one book, look – our local paper is doing a story on it and now everyone’s thinking about this book ... It’s a really interesting case.”

Book challenges have been rare over the past few years at HCPL. The records Stephenson has available show that in 2011 there were three reconsideration requests submitted, then one each in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017 and two in 2019. Stephenson said materials that have previously been challenged include DVDs such as *Drugstore Cowboy*; *Darwin*; *Notes on a Scandal*; *Breaking the Waves* and *Leaving Las Vegas*, and the books *Jim, Who Ran Away from His Nurse*, and *Was Eaten by a Lion* by Hilaire Belloc and *Mini Grey*; *The Girl in Red* by Aaron Frisch; *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman and the *Butter Battle Book* by Dr. Seuss.

Stephenson recalls a T-shirt he once saw at a library conference that said, “There’s something in my library to offend everyone.”

“And all that means is, no one’s going to agree on the state of a collection in any community,” he said. “It’s robust, it’s colourful, the library’s for everyone so there’s something for everyone here, and the fact is no one has the right to veto the experience of others.”

“Here at the library we feel that books and ideas have power and even magic, so for kids and learning and passion around literacy,” said Stephenson. “It’s not surprising that texts that carry a lot of emotional weight are periodically going to come in and out of debate. This isn’t the first book and it won’t be the last.”

Freedom to Read Week takes place from Feb. 20 to 26 and is an annual event “that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms,” according to [freedomtoread.ca](http://freedomtoread.ca).



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# Red Hawks Nordic ski team back on track

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

There won't be any chance of regional or provincial glory this season, but there's something more important for the Red Hawks Nordic ski team than medals and podiums ... It's a future to build upon.

The competitive season was pretty much over when the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association) and OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championships were cancelled recently as a result of rising COVID-19 cases raising concerns for transmission of the virus, and further delayed by the province's Return to Step Two of the Recovery to Reopen plan lasting 21 days.

With a six-year absence for the Nordic program, which included multiple all-provincial berths over its existence and its role in establishing a love of Nordic skiing, the team's coaches Mike Rieger and Karen Gervais were excited to help bring the Nordic program back in December. Despite the delays, co-coach Mike Rieger, who is coaching the team with Karen Gervais, said he welcomes the opportunity to have a season, which he believes will help in laying the foundation for the program's future beyond this year.

"I think it's just going to be nice to actually get some skiing in, regardless of what it looks like. Most of the other winter sports that got paused were able to run for several weeks before Christmas and at least have a "season," he wrote in an email. "With the very late arrival of snow, the ski team only got to do a few dry land training sessions before extra-curriculars were paused. With the goal of bringing back Nordic skiing on a permanent basis, it's going to be really important to actually get out on the trails so that we can start building a foundation of practices, logistics and competition."

There were eight members to start the 2021-22 season, but that number has been reduced to six as a result of the uncertainty related to whether there was going to be a season, Rieger added.

The team is already training for this coming week's first meet at the LCS Nordic Invitational on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in Lakefield.

Grade 12 student Corin Gervais welcomed the opportunity to compete even if it's only for a series of exhibition meets, which won't lead to a championship.

He said competing and participating in extra-curricular activities, whether it was volleyball, basketball or cross-country has been helpful for him. The senior said this chance to compete is even more important because of how he will be graduating from the high school at the end of the year. Having skied since he was six, which includes competitive Nordic skiing with the 1129 Haliburton Army Cadets, he is happy to be able to participate in a sport he likes and represent the Red Hawks with his peers again. Gervais ran for the Hawks cross-country running team this autumn.

The high school was given the go-ahead like all schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and in the province a little more than a week ago.

In a letter sent by email on Feb. 10 addressed to parents of students in TLDSB it said, "In alignment with the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA), schools will be allowed to resume high-contact sports and activities effective immediately."

This provincial decision regarding public health measures at publicly funded schools was made in "consultation with the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health."

The letter continued by outlining masks must be worn by individuals on school premises, who are on the bench waiting to play a sport or an instrument for music, but can remove them while participating in activities such as in extra-curricular sports, high-contact/intensity activities, an indoor curriculum-based program, which can include health, physical and music.

Rieger said there may be another competition at Lakefield from March 4 to 6, but that has not been confirmed as of press time.

He said there is potential for a Nordic meet to be held in Haliburton.

"We're looking into potentially having a meet at Glebe in early March, but that is going to be based on the other team's interest and sorting out all of the logistics," he wrote.



Red Hawks Nordic ski team member Erika Hoare skis a warm-up lap before training on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



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# Huskies fry the Muskies on Family Day to snap four game slide

by ALEX GALLACHER  
Special to the Times

Those spending Family Day with the Huskies witnessed one of the most chaotic games of the season. Following Kolby Poulin's first OJHL goal, the Huskies panned the visiting Muskies to snap a four game losing streak.

With 214 passionate fans cheering the team on, the Huskies got to work quickly. After Gunnar Van Damme took a tripping call, Patrick Saini made no mistake to bury his own rebound and put the Huskies up by one. Exactly one minute later, Saini was back at it again. Beating the Huskies' goalie for his second of the period, the Huskies' Peyton Schaly added one more at 7:55 in the first.

Schaly's goal was the straw that broke the camel's back, as Lindsay's head coach pulled goalie Yacine Chemrouk and Ethan Fraser took his place.

Emotions ran high in the first resulting in five combined penalties, including one misconduct for unsportsmanlike conduct. The second was the beginning of absolute chaos.

Isaac Sooklal took another misconduct penalty at the beginning of the second, this time for head contact of one of the Muskies players. After the penalty expired, Boyd Stahlbaum was sprung by Cameron Jackson and made no mistake to put the Muskies on the board.

Ten seconds later, the gloves came off.

West Guilford's own Joe Boice had enough of Lindsay's Isiah Parris and the two dropped the gloves, a very rare occurrence in the league. Boice got some good clean shots in but in the end Parris got the takedown. The two were immediately ejected.

Twenty seconds after that, Van Damme would be tossed after taking a shot at the head of Nick Athanasakos. Fortunately, Athanasakos was looked at by the Huskies medical staff and cleared to return to the



Huskies player Sam Solarino battles for the puck with two Lindsay players at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Family Day. /Photo by Alex Gallacher

game.

The Muskies added one more before the period was up, as on a fast break Killian Rowlee fed Duncan Scullion who beat Cicigoi to pull the fish within one.

Halfway through the third, the Muskies tied it up. In an almost identical situation from the first goal, the Muskies sprang Nate Burelle out of the box and sent him in on a breakaway. The game was now tied, and wasn't going to get any cleaner.

The teams fought hard, taking many missed calls and cheap shots at each other. In the end, the Huskies found a way to win. Patrick Saini set up Kolby Poulin in front of the net, who made no mistake potting his

very first OJHL goal.

As the clock wound down, Cameron Kosurko added the empty net to seal the deal for the Huskies. Not before Lindsay's Burelle was ejected for abuse of an official.

Poulin's first career goal couldn't have been more important, as it was the game winner. The Bowmanville native was beaming with joy after the game.

"It's honestly about time one was finally going to go in," Poulin said. "We've been on the wrong end of a few games lately, so it's nice to get that win on Family Day. Coming off of a big stretch there of five and seven, it was a good way to end that and we are going full force into the playoffs."

For Patrick Saini, his frustrations were high following the loss against Wellington. However, he buckled down and made a huge impact for the team. Saini shared his thoughts following a great offensive night.

"It was huge," he said. "I think myself, Poulin and Richardson have been all over the net these past few games and we haven't been able to put them in, so it's nice to finally get some goals. The win means a lot as it's never fun to lose, so the atmosphere in the room is so much better."

The Huskies are back home Feb. 25 against the Toronto Patriots, before concluding the week on Saturday against the Golden Hawks, also at home.

## Late game heroics not enough, as Huskies fall to Dukes in OT

by ALEX GALLACHER  
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies picked up their fourth straight loss on Friday night at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Following a late game goal from Oliver Tarr with 0.1 seconds left, the Dukes ended the game early in overtime.

The first period saw Christian Cicigoi put to work, with three big saves in the first few minutes.

The Huskies put immense pressure on the Dukes, but it would be Wellington breaking

the deadlock at 16:51. Ethan Esposito buried a rebound from Ethan Quick to put the Dukes ahead 1-0. Less than a minute later, Jacob Vreugdenhill beat Cicigoi to double the Dukes lead. The Huskies'

Lucas Stevenson got one back for the boys in blue, beating a red hot Ethan Morrow to cut the lead in half.

An uneventful second period saw Patrick Saini rip one off the post but as the clock expired the teams headed back to the locker room still at 2-1.

The third period saw no penalties but a Huskies barrage at the Wellington goalie. In the dying seconds, the Huskies had one more

faceoff and two seconds left to make something happen.

Tarr answered the call in the only way the Huskies leading goal scorer knows, hitting the back of the net in clutch fashion.

Two seconds is a lot of time in the hockey world, and as the clock hit 0.1, Tarr buried a rebound from Peyton Schaly to secure at least one point for the hometown Huskies. The

Wellington bench was up in arms, protesting the clock had expired first. However, the referees had none of it and declared it a good goal sending the game to OT for the third time in four games.

The Dukes got the last laugh however at the 1:34 mark, Emmett Pierce converted a turnover up over the shoulder of Cicigoi handing the Huskies their fourth straight loss and third in overtime.

The emotions were hot in the Huskies locker room, as the loss slid them back even further from the first place Trenton Golden Hawks.

The Huskies returned home on Feb. 21 for a Family Day meeting with the Lindsay Muskies (see story above).

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Highland Storm under-15 local league player Jacob Davis takes a shot, hoping to raise the puck over the bumper, as part of a shooting drill.



### Taking time for teamwork

Highlands Storm under-15 local league team members participate in a drill at practice on Friday, Feb. 18 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The team also worked on shooting and stickhandling drills, as part of their development./DARREN LUM Staff

# Individual OJHL recognition tied to team

*Christian Cicigoi and Oliver Tarr Named Warrior OJHL Players of the Month*

by ALEX GALLACHER  
Special to the Times

It's all about the team, said Haliburton County Huskies players, Christian Cicigoi and Oliver Tarr, who were recognized for their performances to earn recent Warrior Ontario Junior Hockey League Players of the Month awards.

During the pre-game before the Huskies took to the ice against the Toronto Patriots on Feb. 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, both Cicigoi and Tarr were recognized during an on-ice presentation.

Huskies leading scorer, Tarr earned player of the month honours for November.

During that month, Tarr scored seven goals – part of a 17-point total – including his third game-winning goal Nov. 8 against the Cobourg Cougars.

He currently sits third in the OJHL's goal scoring race with 25 goals, and a grand total of 49 points according to the league's website. While being recognized for this award means a lot to Tarr, none of this was possible without the hard work of his teammates, he said.

"I had a really good start to the year," Tarr said. "It helps when we are winning, but I'm playing with a lot of great players this year. I definitely could not have done it without them, and even though it's only one player of the month award I think our main focus is still the championship. It's nice to be appreciated with individual accolades, but for sure we got to continue this for the rest of the year."

Tarr will be attending Buffalo's Canisius College this fall.

For Cicigoi, his perfect month of December helped him reach new heights of his career to earn him the nod as the goalie of the month for December. Going unbeaten in six games and finishing with a 1.97 goals against average and a .950 save percentage, the OJHL made no mistake of giving Cicigoi not only the player of the month award, but CJHL (Canadian Junior Hockey League) third star.

Currently sitting with 18 wins, one off of the overall lead, Cicigoi is also in the top five for both save percentage and goals against average in the OJHL. The Thunder Bay native felt happy to be recognized, but knows his team did their jobs to give him the best chance to succeed.

"Winning that award is awesome but I see it as more of a team award," Cicigoi said. "I think when everyone does their



Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) co-ordinator hockey operations Ruben Cohen presented the Warriors Hockey OJHL Player of the Month Award to Haliburton County Huskies forward Oliver Tarr./DARREN LUM Staff

jobs, it makes these things possible. The award should be going to everyone who put in the work, and it shows out there on the ice. It's great to be recognized for sure and it's a step in the right direction for the team."

Tarr and Cicigoi have contributed big moments during the season, however both players are after the big picture: the OJHL championship.



Haliburton County Huskies president of business operations and the league's governor Brad Townsend presented the Warriors Hockey OJHL (Ontario Junior Hockey League) Player of the Month Award to Haliburton County Huskies goalie Christian Cicigoi.

While the Huskies start to 2022 has left some room to be desired, both Cicigoi, Tarr and the rest of the team will look to close out the season strong as the push for the playoffs is already in full swing.



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# HISTORY IN THE HIGHLANDS

## Do you remember the Minden floods of the past?

**J**ONNY HARRIS, host of the television documentary series *Still Standing*, will tell our story of the recent Gull River floods tonight on CBC.

While these events are easily remembered, there have been many earlier instances of the Gull River overflowing its banks. Some older residents of Minden have been witnesses to the springtime flooding as far back as 1943, and these disasters were recorded as early as 1875. A sampling of newspaper articles tell the story of damage to property over the years:

*The Daily Citizen*, Ottawa, May 20, 1875  
“Dam Broken – Village Flooded



**ADELE ESPINA**  
*History in the Highlands*

Minden, Ont., 20th – The government dams at Eagle and Halls Lakes, on the upper portion of the Gull River waters, have broken away, flooding the Village of Minden. The water is now over two feet above the floor of some of the houses, and is expected to be still higher. It is impossible as yet to estimate the damage.”

*The British Whig*, Kingston, May 16, 1876  
“– Flood also at Minden, Ont., on Gull River. Houses flooded;

roads impassable.”

*The Watchman-Warder*, Lindsay, June 22, 1899  
“*The Minden Echo* says: – For many years past, the water in Gull River has not been so high at Minden as it is at the present time. Many of the streets, farms and gardens are being completely destroyed, and much injury sustained by cellars being flooded. Mr. Walters, the superintendent of public works in this district, was here on a tour of inspection of the dams being built in Lutterworth and the Gull River waters. Some of the sufferers will lose almost their entire crop owing to the high water. In the early spring the floods do but little actual harm beyond damaging a few bridges, but flooding at this season of the year means heavy loss which will be almost ruinous to some of the sufferers and a great nuisance to everybody here. Messrs. Young and Soward have to use a boat in their yard to communicate between their store and storehouse, we also saw goods fished out of a cellar on the main street here with a pitchfork. Some children are unable to go to school owing to the streets being flooded, and everything is upset by the high water.”

*Fenelon Falls Gazette*, April 25, 1913  
“High Water at Minden

*The Minden Echo* says: For many years the question of using the upper lakes as a great water reservoir has been before the public as very important to the successful working of the Trent Valley Canal system; but the fact remains that when the drives started last year, five weeks later than this, the waters rose till the flats at Minden Village resembled a lake, and boats were frequently sailing around over the fields where grain had already been sown. Fortunately, the flood subsided and we had no more trouble. But just now it appears that we are nearly as badly off as we were before the dams were built, with a possibility of the conditions being made worse when the drives start. For two weeks the waters have again been very high, and at the time of writing are three inches higher than the highest point reached last year, while all the upper lakes are flooding the roads and fields in many places. The dams holding the waters are overflowing, with as many stoplogs in as possible, and should the drives start, necessitating the removal of stoplogs, before the present flood has spent itself, the condition here would be very serious.

It was thought here that since the channel at Moore’s Falls has been blasted out five feet lower than ever before, with no stoplogs as at present, Gull Lake would have been so low that no flood would result along the Gull River, but it don’t [sic] seem to have altered the condition, the flood is here and has remained for two weeks, although it might have been worse under old conditions.

Last week a Peterborough paper stated on the authority of Superintendent McClennan, that all the dams between Bobcaygeon and Hastings were free of stoplogs, and that the water, which is very high, is getting away faster than was the case last year. We think they may have reason to keep the flood gates open for some time yet, as there never was so much water in this region as at present.”



View of flooding on St. Germain Street in Minden, in 1943 and 2013. /Photo sources: Minden Hills Museum and photographer Richard Bradley

*The Kingston Whig-Standard*, May 19, 1943  
“Floods Sweep Minden Area

Minden, May 19 – (CP) – Five families in this county seat of Haliburton have been marooned in their homes since Monday following record-breaking rains in the northern lakes region, it was reported today.

Gull River, which drains Horseshoe Lake and Twelve Mile Lake, and which passes through the village, has risen to flood proportions. Already one bridge has been carried downstream.

The highway linking Lindsay and Huntsville, remains open, but within the village the flood waters have reached the highway. Present conditions indicate even greater swellings of the river.

‘It’s common to see boats, canoes and punts tied to veranda posts,’ County Constable Lorne Pritchard said.”

*The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, May 20, 1943  
“Lindsay, May 19 (Special) – For the first time in many years the Village of Minden, north of here in Haliburton County, is experiencing flood trouble because of the Gull River topping its banks by three or four feet in some places.

A long bridge, that crossed the river to the golf course just east of the village, was washed from its supports and carried downstream, its uprights being torn off when it passed under the concrete bridge at the main street. It was estimated that the cost of restoring the wrecked structure would be \$1,500.

Some cellars in the residential and business section of the village have been flooded and merchants were compelled to move stocks to higher floors to avoid damage.”

*Gala Stamp scrapbook newspaper clipping*, April 25, 1951  
Over the week-end, the Gull River rose at an alarming rate and old time residents recalled earlier floods while watching the rising waters.

The residential section south and east of the Bobcaygeon road bridge was cut off from town when water from the river flowed through the low ground between the fire pump house and Dr. Jamieson’s office and residence, completely covering the land from the road to the highway embankment. Rowboats came into service and the only access to the isolated residents is by a duckboard sidewalk hastily constructed by Angus Coulter and his road department crew.

Above the bridge, on the west road running past St. Paul’s Church the water cut the road and residents in the northern section were forced to detour across the fields in order to reach town.

High water was reached on Monday morning and at the time of writing the river level is slowly dropping although further rains will quickly bring it up again.

Over the week end some anxiety was felt over news that the dam at Twelve Mile Lake was reported as being in a weakened condition.

The medical officer of health, Dr. Jamieson states that there is considerable danger of water contamination especially when the rate of flow of the river decreases. Many outhouses have been flooded and users of river water are urged to boil all drinking water.”

There were no water or sewage systems in the village in 1951. Later that year, Dr. Agnes Jamieson resigned as medical officer of health to run for municipal council, where she would have the opportunity to influence the regulating of

such mundane but important matters as public toilets, sewage disposal, and who was responsible for water in cellar and ditch drains.

As the newspaper articles show, managing the water flow on the Gull River watershed through more than a dozen dams north of Minden has been a challenge over the years. As well as these floods in 1875, 1876, 1899, 1913, 1943 and 1951, the river overflowed its banks in 1928, 1929 and 1983.

Whether it was wise to establish a village on a floodplain at the intersection of the Bobcaygeon Colonization Road and the Gull River is easier to judge in hindsight. In the late 1850s, as the early settlement roads were cut through the bush and lots surveyed for settlers, it was an ideal spot for shops, hotels and a post office.

Some hard lessons have been learned, resulting in development increasingly been prohibited or restricted in the village. The official plan for Minden Hills now maps a floodway along the Gull River and an even larger surrounding area is devoted to the 100 year floodline. Another village settlement map in the plan shows a Hazard Lands area that includes the Gull River floodline and stretches north along the Beaver Creek and its tributaries.

While there is no expectation that flooding will never occur again, what has improved with each recent occurrence is the ability of local government and residents to organize and work together quickly when disaster strikes.

Peter and Rozanne Hynard recently inquired: We are curious about the name of the town of Minden itself. We have heard that it was originally named Gull River.

Answer: Yes, the location of the new settlement was originally referred to as Gull River, which identified it as a location on the Bobcaygeon Colonization Road in reports of surveyors, travelling ministers and government officials in the 1850s. The name Minden, already being used as the name of the newly surveyed township, was officially adopted as the name of the village with the establishment of the Post Office in 1859.

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## AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



### Having a heart to heart

Uncle Al (Bull) takes a moment for a cuddle with his great nephew William. /Photo submitted by Kasey MacIntyre



### Come sail away

Dave Haley and daughter Harper take to the hill on Family Day, celebrating with extended family on Paint Lake, Dorset. /Photo by Anna Haley



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*Submitted by Monika Melichar*



### Up at the ice tracks

Family and friends gathered for a weekend on the tracks as Minden's ice racing event continues. Spectators are able to watch – free of charge – from snowbanks built up around the course. The event continues Feb. 26 and 27 and March 5 and 6. /Photos submitted by Perry Mason



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*It has been a banner year for Minden Figure Skating Club. The five club members shown attended the Western Ontario sectional winter invitational competition over the weekend in Sarnia competing against skaters from throughout Ontario and the northern United States. From the left, Dianne Garbutt, Janna Obee, Tammy Pritchard, Sara-Lee Henderson, Jenni Gentle and Lisa Carr. For more pictures and story, please turn to page seven.*

## Objections raised to road sale

A resident of Blairhampton has objected to a proposal by the municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden to close up and convey half the original allowance for road to an adjoining property owner on Soyers Lake. Alex Little outlined his objections to the proposal at the March 14 meeting of Council.

He was commenting on an open letter to Council published in the March 6 edition of The Times. The letter was written by Brian Van Koughnet in response to the proposal by the municipality to convey half the road allowance to Edward

Cotton in an effort to resolve a zoning problem.

Mr. Little reminded Council that a petition bearing the names of 60 residents of the Blairhampton and Soyers Lake area had been presented to Council in the spring of 1984 requesting that the road allowance remain open and at that time the delegation had received a verbal promise from council that the concession would not be closed up.

"When objections are raised by people in the immediate area, the council has no right to close the allowance," he said, adding "It is the only one left on the

lake."

Little emphasized that the residents of the area wanted the entire 66 feet of the allowance left open. "We want 66 feet, not one foot less," he said, adding that a 33 foot public area on the waterfront would be too limited a space for public use and that "People will end up swimming on private property and this will cause problems."

Little also criticized the sale of the property adjoining the road allowance by the municipality to a private realtor.

The municipality acquired the property under a

subdivision agreement with the developer Fred Ross.

Little said that in his opinion the lot was one of the best lots in the subdivision, adding "Fred Ross chose the property to give to the municipality because it was adjacent to the road allowance," and would create a larger single area that would be suitable for parkland.

Acting Reeve Ed Pergolas responded, "The municipality was not obligated to make it a park. We just got the property."

Councillor Gary Kenney  
(more on page 3)

## Fearrey seeks PC nomination

A second Haliburton county resident has announced his intention to seek the Progressive Conservative Party's nomination as candidate in the next provincial election. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey announced his intention to seek the party's favour in a press release issued Monday morning.

Minden resident Larry McKnight announced sometime last fall that he was interested in carrying the PC banner into the next provincial vote.

Fearrey, who has served for ten years as Dysart's Reeve noted in his press release, "I believe my business experience, coupled with my knowledge of municipal government and its direct people concerns, allows me a specific insight into the requirements of the riding and the manner in which they can be dealt with."

In addition to his ten

years as reeve, Fearrey has served for two years as deputy reeve and two years as councillor in Dysart. He noted that the municipality has "experienced unparalleled growth" during his time on council.

The PC hopeful is a co-owner of Haliburton Lumber and Enterprises Limited in Haliburton Village.

Mr. Fearrey said the recent change in leadership of the provincial Conservative party had been a factor in his decision to seek his party's nomination. He commented, "...as a municipal reeve and county warden I have enjoyed a long and active relationship with the Honourable Frank Miller, and I think it is of value that he represents our neighbouring riding as well as the Province of Ontario."

The press release pointed out that Fearrey has extensive municipal  
(more on page 3)

## Two teams race for hockey finals

There is a very strong possibility that Haliburton County will have two hockey teams playing in the All-Ontario Championships.

Last night, March 19, the Haliburton Bantams completed a three game sweep of their semi-final series against Ennismore winning 7-6 in Haliburton.

On Saturday the Minden Juveniles could sew up their semi-finals in Godfrey.

The Juveniles lead the series two games to none.

For a report on the Minden Juveniles see page 9. The Haliburton Bantam's story appears on page 8.

## New group will promote Highway 35

There is a new organization in Haliburton county dedicated to the cause of promoting tourism.

The Scenic Highway 35 Association was formed in January and to date has attracted over thirty members.

The group represents businesses along Highway 35 corridor from the junction of Highway 121 north to the Dorset tower.

According to the president Fred Chapple, the organization was formed after a small group of businessmen "felt it would make sense to form an association to enhance

business and promote tourism in this area."

Chapple, owner of the Four Seasons Store in Carnarvon, said "The response in the last few months has been terrific. There has been no problem getting people to serve on the various committees that we have set up." These include planning and development, public relations and media, and special events and attractions.

"We have the basic framework established" he said, adding "We want to make sure we are organized before we do anything.



Association President, Fred Chapple.

Right now we are looking for things to happen by the fall of '85 and from then on."

"Our main purpose is to promote tourism on a year round basis. Everything is geared to the tourist operator but the spinoff effect is just as important," he said.

"The spinoff will help other businesses such as service stations, grocery stores and contractors."

"We are hoping to get a major resort established in this core, but basically we will do anything we can to help businesses and employment in this area."

"For instance, we can help

provide data on government regulations and grants to businesses. We will also be computerizing data offering information on the types of accommodations available and the various tradesmen in the region. Group advertising and purchasing is another possibility."

Chapple noted that the Township of Stanhope will be establishing an information booth this summer at the junction of Highways 118 and 35 and that the association will have information brochures available in the booth. The

(more on page 2)

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